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A Brainstorming Seminar
***THE NEW SITUATION IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE:
NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION***

Monday, 2 July 2007, from 5.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Palais des Nations (Conference Room XXII)

Introduction: Mr. Paolo **Garonna** (UNECE)
Mr. Christophe **Soliz** (CEIS)

Guest Speakers: Mr. Michael **Mozur** (Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe)
H. E. Ambassador **Wolfgang Petritsch** (Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva, former High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Panellists: H.E. Ambassador **Georgi Avramchev** (Permanent Representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations Office at Geneva)
H.E. Ambassador **Petko Draganov** (Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations Office at Geneva)
Mr. Jan **Truszczyński** (EC)

Discussion

Conclusions: Mr. Marek **Belka** (UNECE)

Objective: *To explore the needs and priorities for economic integration in South East Europe in the immediate future. The discussion will focus on the new situation in SEE after the accession of Romania and Bulgaria to the European Union and after the phasing out of the Stability Pact and establishing of the Regional Cooperation Council. The Seminar will address questions on what adjustments in domestic and/or regional economic policies are most urgent and in what areas (infrastructures, cross-border issues, energy, transport, competitiveness and business environment) support is needed. Furthermore, it will explore how the efforts of the various players can be better focused and coordinated. The institutional architecture is taking a new shape with the reforms of UNECE, OSCE, CEI and other regional and international organizations active in SEE. In that context, the discussion will focus on the role that the ECE can play in line with its expertise and comparative advantages.*

The discussion will be supported by a background paper on the needs and priorities for economic integration in SEE prepared by the Centre for European Integration Strategies, Geneva.

At the end of the Seminar, H. E. Ambassador Wolfgang Petritsch is happy to invite you to join him to share a glass of Austrian wine to continue discussions informally.